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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 4, 1976

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR: JAMES T. LYNN
FROM: JAMES E. CONNOR
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cc: Dick Cheney

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Jim Connor



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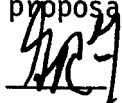
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I recommend that you not reverse your 1977 budget decision and that I send the attached letter to Mr. Hester. We will again review the proposal in the fall budget review.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'JMC' or similar, written over a horizontal line.

Send letter

See me

Attachment



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Dr. James M. Hester
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Date: May 26, 1976

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FOR ACTION:

cc (for information):

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✓ Max Friedersdorf ✓ Brent Scowcroft
✓ Jack Marsh
FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: Thursday, May 27

Time: 3 P.M.

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ACTION REQUESTED:

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REMARKS:

Marsh - approved OMB approach
Cannon - approve - suggest changes.
Friedersdorf - see notes
Scowcroft - see comments

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5/29/76
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[Signature]

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The Office of Legislative Affairs recommends that the 1977 budget decision not be reversed and proposed letter be sent.